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DEPT. FOR A/SY/FO; FRANKFURT FOR RMO AND RSS; STUTTGART
FOR PSO AND NCOIC; BUDAPEST FOR CO CO. A; MSGBN FOR CO
FROM RSO BONN.

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: MSG DETACHMENT STUTTGART

REF: FRANKFURT 0097

1. SUMMARY: PARA. 5.B. OF REFTTEL RECOMMENDS CUT-BACK OF
MSG SECURITY SERVICES AT STUTTGART QTE TO A LEVEL
CONSISTENT WITH USE OF FIVE (5) MARINES UNQTE. RSO BONN
OPPOSES THIS RECOMMENDATION FOR REASONS SET FORTH BELOW.
ALTERNATIVE OF TDY/MSG SUGGESTED.

2. BACKGROUND: THE MSG DETACHMENT IN STUTTGART WAS SET
UP IN MAY 1975 AS A TEMPORARY DETACHMENT TO DETER TERROR-
ISM DURING THE BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL AT NEARBY STAMMHEIM
PRISON. THE CONCEPT OF MSG COVERAGE WAS TWO MSGS ON
DUTY AT FIXED POSTS IN THE LOBBY DURING WORKING HOURS:
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ABOUT 10 HRS./DAY, 5 DAYS/WEEK, TIMES 2 MSGS,
EQUAL 100 HRS/WEEK, PLUS 1/9 FACTOR, EQUALS 111 HRS./
WEEK, DIVIDED BY FOUR WATCHSTANDERS, EQUALS 28 HRS/WEEK/
MSG. THAT CONFIGURATION WAS UNSATISFACTORY, IN RSO'S
JUDGMENT, FOR SEVERAL REASONS: FOREMOST BECAUSE COVERAGE
WAS EXCESSIVE DURING WORKING HOURS AND IT WAS ZERO
DURING NON-WORKING HOURS; ALSO, THAT CONFIGURATION WAS

ILL-RECEIVED BY THE STUTTGART MSGS AS BEING BORING, DULL, NOT WHAT THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED FOR, ETC. MSG DISSATISFACTION LED TO EVIDENT LOW MORALE, POOR DISCIPLINE, COMPLAINTS FROM NEIGHBORS, AND UNSATISFACTORY RELATIONS WITH POST OFFICIALS. NOT SURPRISING, WHEN MSGS WORKED ONLY 28 HRS/WEEK AND HAD NO WORK TO DO ON EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS.

3. CORRECTIVE ACTION: IN EARLY SEPT. 1976, WHEN RSO VISITED POST, BECAUSE OF ABOVE REASONS, RSO RECOMMENDED A ONE MSG 24-HR. POST, TIMES 7 DAYS, EQUALS 168 HRS./WEEK, PLUS 1/9 FACTOR OF 19 HRS., EQUALS 187 HRS./WEEK, DIVIDED BY 4 MSGS, EQUALS 46.75 HRS./WEEK. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS DISCUSSED WITH PSO MURPHY, NCOIC BUSCHARDT, AND CG JENKINS. AT THE RSOS REQUEST, NCOIC BUSCHARDT CONFERRED WITH RMO FRANKFURT AND WITH THE MSGS THEMSELVES: NO OBJECTIONS WERE EXPRESSED, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS WELL-RECEIVED. ON/ABOUT SEPT. 23, THE NEW CONFIGURATION BEGAN. LATER FEEDBACK FROM RMO WAS FAVORABLE ABOUT THE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH PSO MURPHY AND RMO MEMBERS INDICATE THE MSG SITUATION IN STUTTGART IS FAR BETTER NOW THAN BEFORE, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE-OVER TO 24-HOUR COVERAGE. IN FACT, THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH COL. KOPPENHAVER WHEN HE VISITED BONN IN OCTOBER.

4. THE HRS./WEEK QUESTION: WHEN THE CHANGEOVER WAS CONSIDERED, RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED, ALL INTERESTED PARTIES KNEW THE NUMBERS. ALSO IT WAS KNOWN THAT MANY MSG DETACHMENTS (PROBABLY THE MAJORITY) WORK MORE THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT THE STUTTGART MSGS WOULD WORK. IN FACT, MANY DETACHMENTS CONTINUE TO WORK BETWEEN 50 AND 60 HRS. WEEK.

5. THE TO INCREASE QUESTION: IN NOVEMBER RMO/MAJ. MCGOWAN RECOMMENDED A TO INCREASE OF ONE, TO BRING TOTAL TO FIVE WATCHSTANDERS. RSO BONN TELEGRAPHICALLY ENDORSED THAT. THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED NO TO INCREASE WOULD COME BECAUSE OF THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE DETACHMENT (THE BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL SHOULD BE OVER BY LATE SPRING 1977).

6. CURRENT PROBLEM: RSO IS SYMPATHETIC TO LONG HOURS MSGS IN STUTTGART (AND ELSEWHERE) SERVE. RSO UNDERSTANDS NCOIC IS PULLING WATCHES TOO TO HELP OUT. IF WORKLOAD IS STILL TOO HEAVY, PERHAPS AN ADDITIONAL MSG CAN BE SENT ON TEMPORARY DUTY TO GIVE RELIEF. STOESSEL

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